

# Children's Newspaper

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## Oddities in the News

**P**RICKLY pears don't grow in Britain, but a prickly pair was found recently at Bognor Regis—a hedgehog hibernating in a box of nails.

**A**NOTHER strange combination came to light at Leiston in Suffolk—children and love of arithmetic. Their headmaster said they could do as they liked for a week. They asked for extra arithmetic, scripture, and science.

**E**VEN they would not have approved of lemonade being used to put out a truck on fire as was reported from Alice Springs in Australia.

**S**UFFOLK has sprung another surprise: a man lassoed a five-foot eel in the River Orwell!

**B**UT a seagull revenged the water-dwellers by stealing an egg from a hen-house at Bagshot. Was it looking for the canned coconut which is said to be coming to us from the Bahamas?

**I**N Canada an engine driver sneezed his false teeth onto the track, backed the train, and got the passengers to help him to find them.

## VIENNA SCOUTS

filing down a stairway in the medieval castle of Liechtenstein, near Vienna. Boys from all over the world will meet near here for the 1951 World Scout Jamboree



## ALONE AMONG HOSTILE BLACKFELLOWS

### White Man Visits Australia's Stone Age Men

**A**N amazing story has now been told of the adventures of a white man who went on a lone journey to pacify the wild Blackfellows of Northern Australia after they had murdered several white men. This daring Australian, whose lone expedition is in the tradition of Livingstone and Gordon, is Dr Donald F. Thomson, an anthropologist who understands the language and ways of the Aborigines.

It was proposed to send an armed expedition to punish the murderous Blackfellows, but Dr Thomson urged that, instead, he should go among them by himself and try to make friends of them. He was told that he would be going to almost certain death, but the Government agreed to his proposal. He has now related his experiences in a series of articles in The Geographical Journal.

Dr Thomson set out for a part of north-east Arnhem Land where the natives are Stone Age men, and where there are still many unexplored areas. He suffered great hardships in reaching this never-never land, but at last came the dramatic moment when he stood face-to-face with the hostile Aborigines.

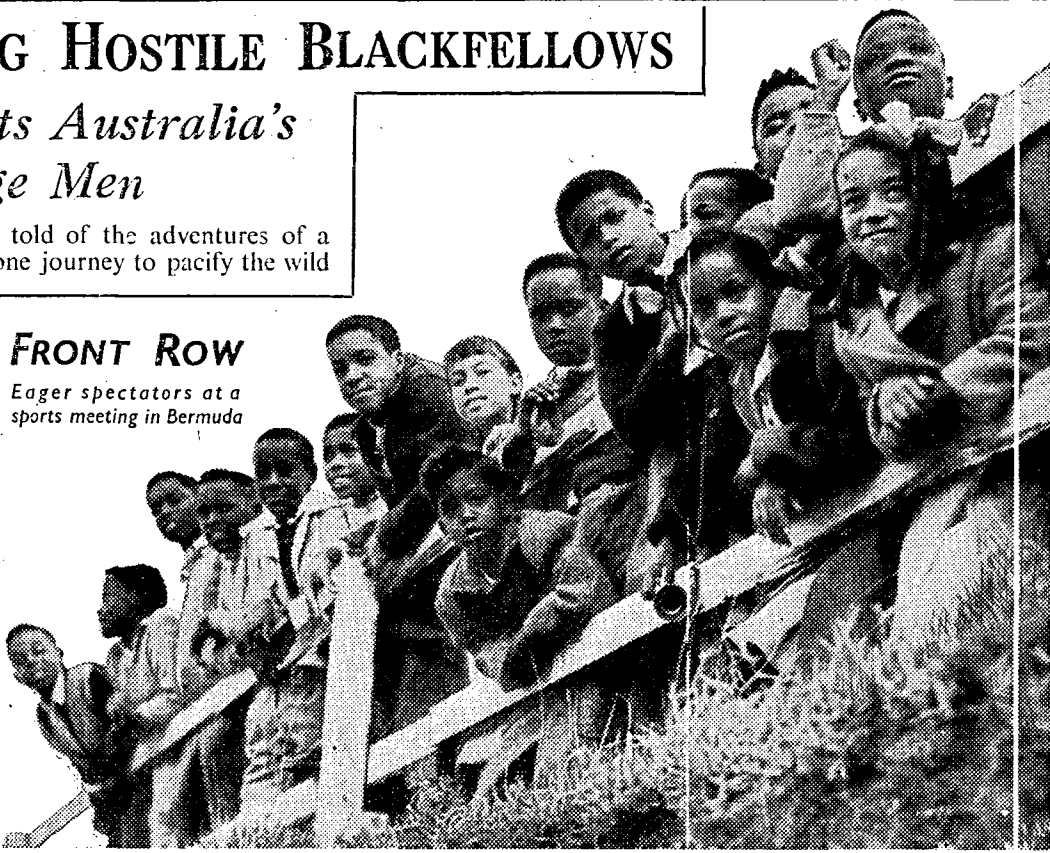
He was completely at their mercy, but he performed the proper ritual for a stranger approaching a native camp, and was accepted as a harmless visitor. He was soon living with

them on friendly terms, and in addition to pacifying the Blackfellows, and persuading them to refrain from killing people, he explored the country and made some important discoveries.

He was the first white man to see the almost legendary quarry where native craftsmen fashion flint spearheads and knives. The quarry is in a remote place called Nghillipidgi, and there he saw one of the most renowned of these Stone Age cutlers pounding off flakes from a great chunk of flint with a quartzite stone. Everywhere the ground was strewn with rejected flint flakes, for the craftsmen are satisfied with only a dozen of the hundreds of flakes chipped

## FRONT ROW

Eager spectators at a sports meeting in Bermuda



## Overcoat Overboard

**W**HILE piloting an aircraft over the Georgia Straits, British Columbia, Mr Neil Cary suddenly discovered that his overcoat, with 700 dollars in the pockets, had been blown over the side. He gave it up for lost.

Three days later the coat was returned to him, with the dollars intact. A fisherman had found it and was able to return it because on close inspection he also found the pilot's name and address in one of the pockets.

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## TEAM WORK IN MEXICO

**T**WELVE hundred Americans and three thousand Mexicans are in a team which is out to rid Mexico of the dreaded aftosa, or foot and mouth disease, which is sweeping through her cattle country.

Every year about half the young cattle of Mexican farmers become infected, and up to two years ago there was no known remedy except to slaughter the infected animals and pay compensation to the farmers; but now a vaccine is being used which gives each animal four months of freedom from the disease, the injection being repeated regularly.

This is where the big team comes in. Americans and Mexicans together are spread across Mexico in a wide band which moves methodically through the farms, injecting four million animals a month.

At first the primitive Mexican farmers were suspicious, but posters and pamphlets in fifty

different dialects, as well as the cinema and radio, have told the story of this international service and have broken down all opposition.

America is finding two million dollars a month to pay for the vaccine and to provide the team of expert advisers; and it is expected that this systematic treatment of the cattle will stop the disease altogether in about two years. This campaign is an object lesson of how two countries may co-operate to meet a common problem.

## Goalie's Goal

**A** SCHOOLBOY goalkeeper of the little Lincolnshire town of Bourne took a goal kick in a recent match and scored for his side. It must have been a hefty kick, and was certainly a remarkable feat. Many goalkeepers have been known to score, but it has usually been through their own goal!



## Full Speed Ahead For Mr Truman

THE United States now plays so large a part in the affairs of the Old World that we should watch carefully any important developments in that country's domestic affairs as well as in her foreign policy. We shall thus gain a better understanding of the prevailing mood and opinions of the American people.

One such recent event indicates that America is still convinced of the value of President Truman's demands last year for the Fair Deal, the name given by his supporters to a wide range of ideas for the social and cultural progress of the country.

## BLACKFELLOWS

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platforms, made of branches, built in the treetops above the water. But they do not get much sleep, as Dr Thomson found when he roosted with them—for they have to defend themselves against countless millions of mosquitoes. This they do by keeping a fire burning in their "nest," which is made possible by constructing on the platform of branches a kind of hearth made of blue mud from the swamp bed.

The smoke keeps the mosquitoes away, but when more firewood is needed one of the hunters has to climb along a branch of the tree and break off dead sticks; and when at last there are no more dead twigs on that tree, another of the company has to let himself down cautiously into the bark canoe moored below and pole to another tree to collect firewood.

This is certainly not a very comfortable way of spending the night, and it is little wonder, as Dr Thomson observed, that these hunters cannot endure this restless life for long, and have to go to dry land for a good "lie-in"!

It was an unforgettable experience, writes Dr Thomson, to sit with his primitive friends, huddled round their fire, looking out at the glimmer of other camp fires high up in the trees or reflected in the dark waters of the swamp below, and to listen to the natives as they plucked and cooked their geese.

It is typical of this humane, though brave and tough explorer, that he finishes his series of articles in the Geographical Journal by recording his thanks to Raiwalla, one of the aboriginal clan who were his hosts.

## Only Three Weeks To Go

CHRISTMAS will soon be here, and the problem of presents is already being tackled in many homes. Here is a suggestion for a present that lasts throughout the year, a constant reminder of the giver.

FOR 17s 4d Children's Newspaper will be sent to any address in the world each week for a whole year. Please send your remittance, together with the full name and address of the friend to whom the CN is to be sent, to *Subscription Department, Children's Newspaper, The Fleetway House, Farringdon Street, London, E C 4*, and we will do the rest.

IF desired, a special greetings card bearing your own name and address will be sent with the first copy.

## WHEN PIGS WERE A PEST

SIR PATRICK DUFF, New Zealand's former High Commissioner in London, declared recently that by doubling the quantity of her pork supplies New Zealand would add more to her wealth than the present total yield from her lambs and cheese. This could be done by copying Denmark in utilising the by-products of her milk supplies as pig food, Sir Patrick said.

Today this is a very worthy idea, but in the second half of last century such a proposal would have been most unpopular. For New Zealand has unhappy memories of a mistake that cost her hundreds of thousands of pounds.

Captain Cook, discoverer of the Dominion, there liberated three pigs in 1773, first having obtained a promise from the Maoris that the animals should not be killed. That promise was faithfully kept, with the result that in the following century, when settlement was undertaken in earnest, the pigs were found to have multiplied so enormously that they had grown a danger to cultivation.

Professional hunters were called in to reduce the numbers of the animals. Quite wild and fierce, the pigs roamed in immense herds. In 20 months three paid hunters alone killed 25,000 of the descendants of Captain Cook's pigs, and thousands remained.

## Luggage Lockers

As a limited alternative to the familiar left-luggage office, sixpence-in-the-slot lockers have been installed at Euston Station, London.

A person wishing to leave his bag or other article for a time opens the door of a locker and places it inside, then puts sixpence in the slot which enables the key, already in the lock, to be turned. The key, which has a tab bearing the number of the locker, is then taken out and carried away by the depositor.

The locker may be used for 24 hours, but if articles are left there longer the attendant, who has a master key, takes them to the left-luggage office where they must be claimed. There is a dial on the front of each locker which tells the attendant how long the locker has been in use.

## FILMS THAT LIVE

"OLD" films that were considered by people in the trade to be quite dead continue to hold public interest. This was recently revealed when Sir Alexander Korda announced that pictures made by the London Film Productions Company before and during the war have earned £1,760,000 since 1945.

These films include such favourites as *The Private Life of Henry VIII*, *The Ghost Goes West*, *Elephant Boy*, *The Scarlet Pimpernel*, *The Drum*, *The Thief of Baghdad*, and *The Four Feathers*.

Germany, says the London Film Productions' statement, is one of the greatest potential markets in the world for such films; quite recently some of them have been shown there with enormous success.

It would seem that age does not wither good films any more than it does good books.

## NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

### CHAMPION COW

A cow in Guernsey has supplied enough milk in a year to make half a ton of butter, a new record.

Erenda Anderson, 14, of Ferham, near Newcastle-on-Tyne, has been awarded the bronze medal of the Dumb Friends' League for her brave rescue of a horse from a blazing stable.

Road accidents during September resulted in the deaths of 378 people, including 77 children. These figures are the lowest for several years.

General Marshall, former US Secretary of State, has been presented by President Truman with a special award for outstanding public service.

### More Numbers, Please

Nearly two and a half million telephones have been installed in Britain since the war, but more than 550,000 applications have still to be dealt with.

The Port of St John in New Brunswick, Canada, is sending a Christmas tree to Manchester as token of the friendship between the two ports during the last 50 years.

Turkey is building an airfield near Ankara that will be one of the largest in the world.



Three young girls from Portsmouth, Yvonne Cooper and Valeria Rollason, aged 13, and Wendy Robinson, 12, who came to London for the All-British Accordion Championships and afterwards took part in a concert.

Five-day Test Matches will be played between England and the West Indies next summer.

### YOUNG BUILDERS

Building apprentices constructed 1100 houses in the year ended last March.

Patrol Leader Cyril Durbin, 15, of the 20th Hull West Group, has been awarded the Silver Cross for rescuing a man from drowning in the River Nidd at Knaresborough.

Three Sudanese judges have been studying the legal methods of this country; they sat on the bench at a court in London recently.

Under Southern Rhodesia's Land Settlement Scheme for ex-Servicemen, 1,462,275 acres which were previously vacant and unproductive are being scientifically developed. So far, 492 men have been settled on farms.

### Britain Leads

Britain still has the largest Merchant Navy in the world, 21,622,000 tons—only slightly less than before the war and over seven million tons more than the U.S., her nearest rival.

The American Teen-Age Club in London took part in the National Association of Girls' Clubs and Mixed Clubs Christmas Cracker Bazaar, held in London to raise funds for youth clubs.

Children are to plant trees bearing their names along the roadsides in Enfield, Middlesex.

Between 1938 and 1949 the number of public service vehicles in Britain has increased from 49,500 to 69,000.

Patrol Leader Royston Nottingham, 14, of the 1st Berkeley Group, Gloucestershire, has been awarded the Gilt Cross for saving a small girl from drowning in the Mill Pond, Little Avon, Berkeley, last June.

Schemes to educate millions of illiterate people in India during the next five years were discussed at a recent meeting between Unesco and the Indian Government.

### MORE DIGGERS

There are now eight million people in Australia, one million more than in 1939.

Two thousand rose trees have been given to London by nurserymen all over England, Scotland, and Northern Ireland. The trees will be planted in Regent's Park.

An American airliner has flown the Atlantic in the record time of six hours and two minutes.

Portraits of Mr Churchill and Mr Attlee are to be placed in the gallery of British Prime Ministers in the Canadian Parliament House, Ottawa.

A collection of rare plants and seeds from the Himalayas has been sent to the British Museum. The plants are to be distributed to various parts of Britain for cultivation.

### Not a Silly Goose

A goose named Margot that came to be cooked and remained to be petted, lives at Burnham Market, Norfolk. She was intended for a Christmas dinner, but became so tame that she was kept as a pet and now follows her mistress when she goes shopping.

The Public Analyst of Bristol has warned people not to put modern coins in Christmas puddings before cooking, as there is a danger of poisoning.

English has taken the place of French as the chief secondary language in Turkey, and there is an increasing demand for English teachers and books.

At Sutton Valence, Kent, an ancient Roman gold coin, half an ounce in weight, has been dug up. On its face is the inscription: Nero Caesar Augustus.

When Prince Rainier III, new ruler of the pocket Principality of Monaco, was crowned recently the ceremony was broadcast and televised.

### FIRST MILLION

The Jewish population of Israel has now reached one million. Owing to lack of housing, 20 per cent of the people live in crowded transit camps.

Belgium is the first country in Europe to install public radio telephones on trains. Passengers can call up any telephone subscriber in Belgium for two shillings.

The Gold Medal of the American Institute of Architecture is to be awarded to Sir Patrick Abercrombie, the British architect and town planner.



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## Art Gallery in Arnhem Land

ON Page One we read of discoveries of the way of life of early man in eastern Arnhem Land, but an even stronger link of the Australian Aborigine with the Stone Age inhabitants in other parts of the world has just been discovered on the western borders of that little-known wilderness in northern Australia.

A party of Australian anthropologists, led by Mr C. P. Mountford, have found a wonderful aboriginal art gallery inside a big cave. On the curved face within this cave is a long frieze depicting men, birds, animals, and fish.

These paintings show a higher degree of artistic skill than any done by primitive people in any other part of the world. There is a wealth of beautifully executed detail in the figures, and

many of them, oddly enough, show the internal organs as well as the external features of the animals portrayed—"X-ray art," as it is called. The paintings are somewhat similar to those done by African Bushmen, and to the 15,000-year-old paintings found in France and Spain. Most puzzling of all were the paintings the party saw on the underside of a rock jutting out 60 feet above the ground. Scaffolding would have been needed by the artist.

The explorers themselves suffered many hardships. They ran out of food and had to live on snakes' eggs, flying foxes, snakes, turtles, geese, and goannas. Nevertheless, they took photographs of the paintings which will be published in colour by Unesco.

## Aerial Crossways

The air age is bringing prosperity to Cyprus.

In October over 3500 passengers passed through Nicosia Airport, travelling in more than 400 planes from Great Britain, Egypt, Italy, Persia, France, Greece, and Turkey.

Moreover, the colony's own airline—Cyprus Airways—carried more than 1500 passengers in a month as well as 250 members of the Forces and their families.

Cyprus may well become the aerial crossways of the Middle East.

## FOR DESERT SCHOOLS

A SHIP, the SS Borealis, left Oslo some time ago carrying 300 blackboards, 300 boxes of chalk, 15,000 copybooks, 90,000 pencils, 10,000 drawing-boards, and 90 maps for 29 schools where these familiar classroom things were almost unknown.

The schools are those sponsored by Unesco in Lebanon, Syria, and Arab Palestine, and the equipment, worth 10,000 dollars, was the gift of Norway.

## Boy Ruler



At an exhibition of Tibetan art in London is this painting of the 15-year-old Dalai Lama, ruler of Tibet.

## USEFUL ADDITION

KEITH MILLER, the Australian cricketer, has been sent to South Africa to join his country's team; he will arrive in time for the first Test Match. An extra player became necessary because one of the team, Bill Johnston, was injured in a car crash.

## THE LAST STEAMER

THE people of Campbeltown, on the Mull of Kintyre in the west of Scotland watched the last steamer leave their harbour the other day, thus bringing to an end a steamer service which had connected Campbeltown with the Clyde ports since 1816. Now the freight that used to come and go in the holds of the steamers will be taken by road round by the Mull of Kintyre.

When in 1816 the 73-ton wooden paddle-steamer *Britannia* first made its appearance at Campbeltown the hills around the town were crowded with cheering people, but many shook their heads at the sight of the smoking funnel, declaring that it was flouting Providence to sail against wind and tide in the way that the *Britannia* did. In those days when the steamer was preparing to leave the harbour the town crier used to walk round the streets of Campbeltown to warn would-be passengers to hurry up.

## Mental Gymnast

A PORTRAIT recently discovered at Staveley, Derbyshire, is said to be that of Jedediah Buxton, who had a brain like a calculating machine. He was born at Elmlton, Derbyshire, in 1707, the son of the village schoolmaster, but strangely enough he never learned to write, mental calculations being his absorbing passion.

He was taken to London and gave examples of his powers before the Royal Society. One of his calculations was the product of a farthing doubled 139 times, and he gave the result in pounds!

Once he was taken to see David Garrick in *Richard III*, and he paid no attention to the performance except to count the words spoken by the actors.

## VIRs

FIVE rabbits were the only passengers on a twin-engined airliner which flew from London to Brussels recently. And the only "luggage" was their hutch!

The aircraft carried a crew of three. The rabbits were returning to Belgium after appearing at a show in this country. They must have felt that they were Very Important Rabbits.

## Tyres Filled With Water

MOTOR tyres filled with liquid instead of air have been successfully tried out on the rear-axle wheels of Leyland Beaver tractors.

The liquid is a solution of water and chloride of lime. The chloride of lime prevents the water freezing and also helps to preserve the rubber.

These water-filled tyres have several advantages over air-filled tyres for a tractor pulling a heavily-laden trailer. They hold the road better, skidding being so much reduced that the tractor can be pulled up more sharply—a contribution to road safety. The vehicle rides more comfortably, it does not bounce the tyres keep cooler, and are expected to last longer; being heavier, the tyres act like fly-wheels, giving the tractor greater momentum without the engine having to be accelerated; and once filled, they will run for as long as six months without being "topped up."



## Pineapple Picker

A smiling native worker on a pineapple farm in South Africa with a basketful of the prickly fruit

## WIVELISCOMBE IS NO VILLAGE

THE people of Wiveliscombe, Somerset, are proud of their town, and like to remind visitors that it has an ancient charter.

So they were surprised and indignant when a notice suddenly appeared in the local post office window saying: "The address of this village is Wiveliscombe, Taunton."

"Village indeed!" said the people. "We'll see to that!"

And so the matter was raised at a meeting of the parish council the other day, and the members agreed to send a protest to the post office, reminding the officials of the town's charter!

## All-Children Theatre

A THEATRE run by children for children is the ambition of the Lewisham Children's Theatre Guild, which recently presented a pageant of London history at Lewisham Town Hall. The pageant was acted and produced almost entirely by the young people of the Guild, which has 250 members.

The Guild's ambition may shortly be realised. Discussions concerning a site have already taken place with the Town Council, and an Appeal Committee, with Mr Herbert Morrison as chairman, has been set up.

## EXHIBITION ABOARD

THE Boy Scouts' Association has organised another Exhibition aboard RRS Discovery, moored at the Victoria Embankment, London.

This time the Association has collaborated with the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey, and the Exhibition will illustrate not only polar survey, but the extent to which these lonely islands in the Southern Seas have been developed by Britain for the benefit of all nations.

The Exhibition will be opened by Lieut-Commander Peter Scott, son of Captain Scott, and it will be on view from December 15 to January 21 on weekdays from 10 to 6.

## For Our Embassy in Brazil

A SET of five beautiful wall panels, specially painted by John Piper for the dining-room of the British Embassy in Rio de Janeiro, is on view at the Victoria and Albert Museum, London, until December 4.

They are the first paintings ever to be commissioned by the Government for a British embassy, and each one represents a scene of Georgian or Regency houses in Brighton, Cheltenham, Bath, and Sidmouth. Such fine wall panels have not been seen in London since the exhibition of those designed by Duncan Grant for the Queen Mary.

The Embassy building in Rio de Janeiro has been designed by Mr Robert Prentice, a British architect who has lived in that city for a long time and has designed many important buildings there.

## THR-R-R-IFF

ABERDEEN may lay claim to being Britain's thriftiest city, for during the quarter ended June 1949 it topped the savings average with 15s 7½d weekly per head.

## Making Their Bow

"FIRST ATTEMPTS" in Children's Hour on December 31 will have some very young contributors.

The programme includes stories, poems, and music, all written and played by children. Eight-year-old Patrick Hammond, of Ramsgate, has sent an account of a cycling holiday on the south coast, and an eleven-year-old writer of verse, Ann Long, of New Malden, Surrey, has sent *The Adventure of Billy Buttor*.

Piano duets will be played by Ann Williams and Zulena Wallicker, of Wimbledon, both aged fourteen. Boy soprano Joseph McKay, of Barking, Essex, will sing.

The two young readers in "First Attempts" will be Jenny Simpson, who is studying dramatics, and Loris Somerville, a boy actor often heard in Children's Hour.



## Martinus, the Bulb Man

Martinus Wijsman, who comes from a bulb-growing family in Holland, is now growing bulbs in Britain. Here he is explaining to the children of a school at Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey, the best way to grow the different varieties of bulbs.



CRAVEN HILL, OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT, REPORTS THAT THE . . .

## Children's Zoo Goes Into Winter Quarters

THE Children's Zoo at Regent's Park, just closed for the winter after a highly successful season, has again broken all previous records. The section has attracted something like 250,000 young visitors since it reopened last March.

Because the winter "recess" is unlikely to be of very long duration, most of the stock of 80 mammals and 65 birds is being retained, with a skeleton staff of six girls to look after them.

"The only mammals likely to be leaving us temporarily are the goats Winston and Monty," Miss Pat Proctor, the supervisor, told me. "They were household pets before they came here last August, and might be lonely without a lot of visitors to pet and feed them. So they will probably spend the winter in another part of the Gardens."

"The only other departures are the turtle doves, who need the warmth of the bird house; Sally the talking cockatoo, who will be entertaining visitors during the winter at the parrot house; and the tropical fish, who are being returned to the Aquarium."

MANY animals have been born in the enclosure during the summer, but one of the most attractive—Mist, the llama calf—made her bow to the world only a few days before the section closed down. And she came very near to not being taken "on the strength" at all, thanks to the inquisitiveness of the goat Bambi.

As soon as Bambi saw little Mist lying among the straw, she kept leaping over the breast-high

fence of the pen, to inspect and mother the new baby. This was very naturally deeply resented by Gladys and Tom, the parent llamas, and several times the staff had to intervene to prevent little Mist being accidentally trodden on!

The staff, however, soon solved that problem by moving the entire llama family to another pen bounded by a fence high enough to discourage the nimblest of goats.

ODDLY enough, there is another ménage in the Gardens just now which is similarly being troubled by a "gate-crasher." This is the home of a Cape, or black-footed penguin, at the Mappin Terrace pond. This bird recently laid two eggs in one of the nesting-kennels, and is sitting; but not in quite the tranquillity that she would like. For in January last this bird hatched a chick which is now nearly as big as his mother. And the trouble is, the young penguin refuses to leave her "apron-strings." Every day the almost-mature youngster crowds into the nesting-kennel and insists on staying there, despite repeated pecks from his parent!

"We are watching the situation carefully," says Headkeeper Hubert Jones. "If the young penguin seems likely to worry his mother to the point of deserting her eggs, we shall of course remove him."

Incubation period for a Cape penguin egg is about 5½ weeks; so, if all goes well, Mrs Penguin should hatch out her new babies well before Christmas.

## QUEEN • SCHOLAR • PIONEER • POET

The calendar assembles strange companions, and the four people who are linked this week in commemoration had little in common in their lives, save that in widely different ways they were benefactors of mankind

### Good Queen Adelaide

QUEEN ADELAIDE, whose name shines proudly on the maps of Canada, South Africa, Antarctica, and Australia, died on December 2, just a century ago. The daughter of a German prince and princess, she came to England in 1818, when she was 25, and married William, Duke of Clarence, third son of George III.



Queen Adelaide

William, who was twice his wife's age, became King William the Fourth 12 years after marriage. They had two daughters, both of whom died in early infancy. Had either of them lived their cousin Victoria might never have become Queen.

Adelaide devoted herself entirely to promoting the happiness of her husband, a service of love that he acknowledged in a special manner when the State of South Australia needed a capital, early in 1837. A desire arose there to make Kangaroo Island the site of the metropolis, but the king wisely insisted that the site should be on the mainland and that the city should be named Adelaide. It is now one of the most beautiful in the Commonwealth.

When her husband died, Queen

Adelaide lived in complete retirement, but not without good works. She bestowed £20,000 a year on public charities and more than that sum in private benefactions. One of her happiest gifts was the sum of £10,000 to the islanders of Malta, among whom she spent a winter, for the erection of the English church at Valetta.

When Queen Adelaide died it was found that she had left instructions that she, the widow of a sailor king, should be drawn to her last resting-place by British sailors. Needless to say, her final wish was faithfully honoured.

### Geometry Master Number One

NOVEMBER 30 marks the fourth centenary of the birth of Sir Henry Savile, a great scholar to whom a certain number of boys and girls will always feel grateful, for he may be said to have founded the teaching of geometry in English schools.

Those among us who for some reason or other have no love for maths may perhaps revere Sir Henry Savile for his sympathy with the steady plodders, for when he was Provost of Eton he disliked "witts" and if a young scholar was recommended to him as a witty lad, he would reply, "Out upon him . . . give me the plodding student. If I would look for witts I would go to Newgate" (the prison).

Yet Henry Savile was himself a brilliant lad—brilliant beyond the dreams of ordinary mortals. He matriculated at Brasenose College, Oxford, when he was about 12, became a B.A. when he was 17, and an M.A. before he was 21. Undoubtedly he was the most learned man in England of his time.

In 1619 he wrote that "geometry is almost totally unknown and abandoned in England," and he established at Oxford two Savilian chairs of geometry and astronomy. But we owe him another great debt. When we read Acts, and the Book of Revelation, we are reading Savile's simple and dignified language, for the translation of these books, as well as part of the Gospels, was his share in the version of the Bible authorised by James I.

### He Gave Us the Radio Valve

WHEN we listen to the wireless this week we should pay silent tribute to one of the men who made it possible—Sir John Ambrose Fleming, who was born a hundred years ago, on November 29, and died only four years ago.

He was the inventor and constructor of the thermionic valve, the first of all the valves which made wireless telephony a practical possibility, and are the most important factors in

our wireless sets. Prior to this invention Fleming was prominent among the scientists who gave us telephones and electric light.

As scientific adviser to the Edison Telegraph Company he established telephones in Britain in 1879. Not long afterwards he was a leader in putting electric lights among the gas mantles and shadowy gas-jets.

Sir John Fleming

He was interested in wireless from its beginnings, when many other men were saying that the idea of transferring sound by electricity without wires was fantastic and absurd. But in 1899 Ambrose Fleming demonstrated to the British Association at Dover an exchange of wireless messages from Boulogne, and two years later was responsible for the design of Marconi's wireless station at Poldhu, which flashed the first radio signal across the Atlantic.

To the end of his days Fleming was deeply interested in research and was carrying out his own experiments.

He saw one world pass away to make way for another.

### Poet of the Poor

A YORKSHIRE boy who played truant from school because he loved nature better than lessons, and grew up to become the minstrel of the poor against the Corn Laws, is being commemorated at Sheffield and other places in Yorkshire this week. He was Ebenezer Elliott, who died on December 1, 1849.

Schoolboys and girls at Darfield, Yorkshire, will also be thinking of him, for it was there that he learned to read and write and where he roamed the countryside, a lonely timid boy who loved the flowers and the birds.

Ebenezer's father was an unsuccessful ironfounder. He soon had to help in the bankrupt firm; but when he was 16 he began writing poetry, and his first book was published when he was 20. His greatest work, his Corn Law Rhymes, came from his generous heart.

His simple vigorous verses, attacking the "deadly power that makes bread dear and labour cheap," fired the enthusiasm of the opponents of Corn Laws, and Ebenezer, a small, physically weak man, became a crusader. He fought the battle of the very poor fearlessly with pen and voice, in times when at any moment he might have been thrown into prison.

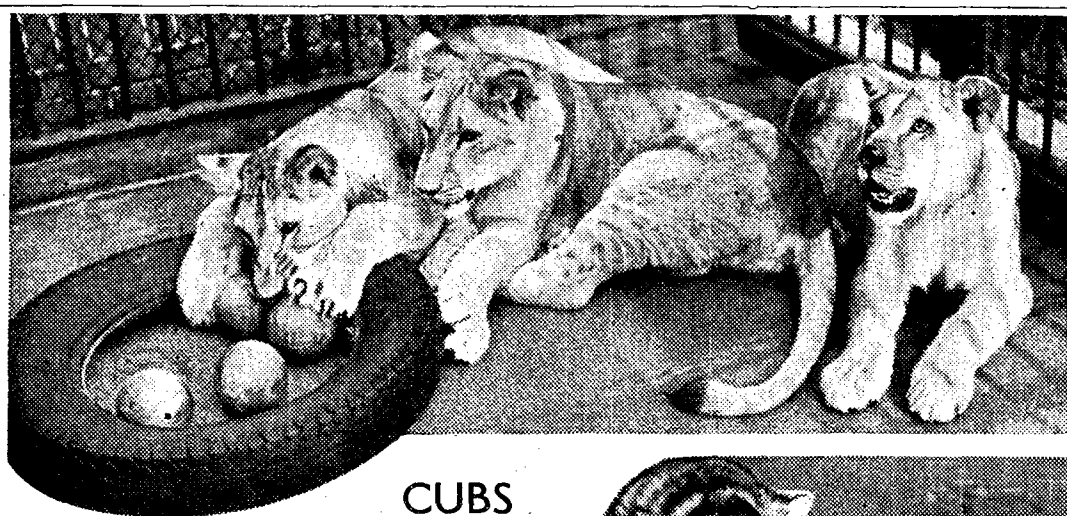
Five years after his death a statue costing £600, subscribed by the working men of Sheffield, was erected in the market-place there, and this week the Lord Mayor of Sheffield will lay a wreath at the foot of this monument.



Sir Henry Savile



Ebenezer Elliott



CUBS



The top picture shows June, Judith, and Tiddler, lion cubs at Bristol Zoo. Below we see a happy family of four tiger cubs at Blackpool.



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OTHER PEOPLE'S JOBS—Alan Ivimey visits Gravesend to look into the work of the . . .

## TRINITY HOUSE PILOT

THE estuary of the Thames is like a great funnel pointing towards the Continent, and up and down that funnel, day and night, the trade pours into and out of London, the biggest port in the world. And every ship entering or leaving London River, except warships, private yachts, or regular coasters not carrying passengers, must carry a pilot.

Trinity House, that historic organisation which looks after the lighthouses, lightships, and buoys round our coast, has controlled the Pilotage Service on the Thames (as well as at many other ports) since the time of Henry the Eighth, and one grey autumn day I went along to their Pilot Station at the Royal Terrace Pier, Gravesend. Tilbury, with its docks, is just across half a mile of water on the other side, and the pier seems more like a corridor in an old office building when you get on it.

I TAPPED on one of the doors in the corridor to call first on Captain Owen, whose official title is Ruler of Pilots, and then he took me to their quarters at the end of the pier, overlooking the Thames and the ships.

On the downstream side you find the River Pilots, whose job it is to take ships up-river to the various docks and wharves; or

down from them as far as Gravesend. There are about a hundred River Pilots. On the upstream side of the pier-head were the Channel Pilots who wait here for ships wanting a safe passage through the shifting sands of the estuary. There are about 70 Channel Pilots at Gravesend; and two other teams of them, at Dover and Harwich, for inward-bound ships.

THE Channel Pilots have a big room with bunks and a settee and a table with magazines, and a fine view of the river. Here, at a cribbage board, I found Mr A. R. Black, a Scot with 16 years' service in merchant ships, waiting for a vessel due for the North Sea. And with him, and one or two of his colleagues, I settled down to ask some questions.

Pilots are recruited from the Merchant Navy and must be British subjects of British-born parents. They must hold a Master's Certificate for foreign-going ships and must have served at least five years as officer in charge of a watch. And, of course, it is an advantage if their service has taken them a good deal up and down London River. Applicants go before a pilotage committee at Trinity House, near the Tower of London, consisting of four Elder Brethren of Trinity

House, one pilot, and one ship-owner.

THE snag is that after passing this test and a stiff medical exam, the applicant has to go on a waiting list for, may be, three or four years. And as no pilot is accepted over the age of 35 he may have passed that birthday before being "called" for service.

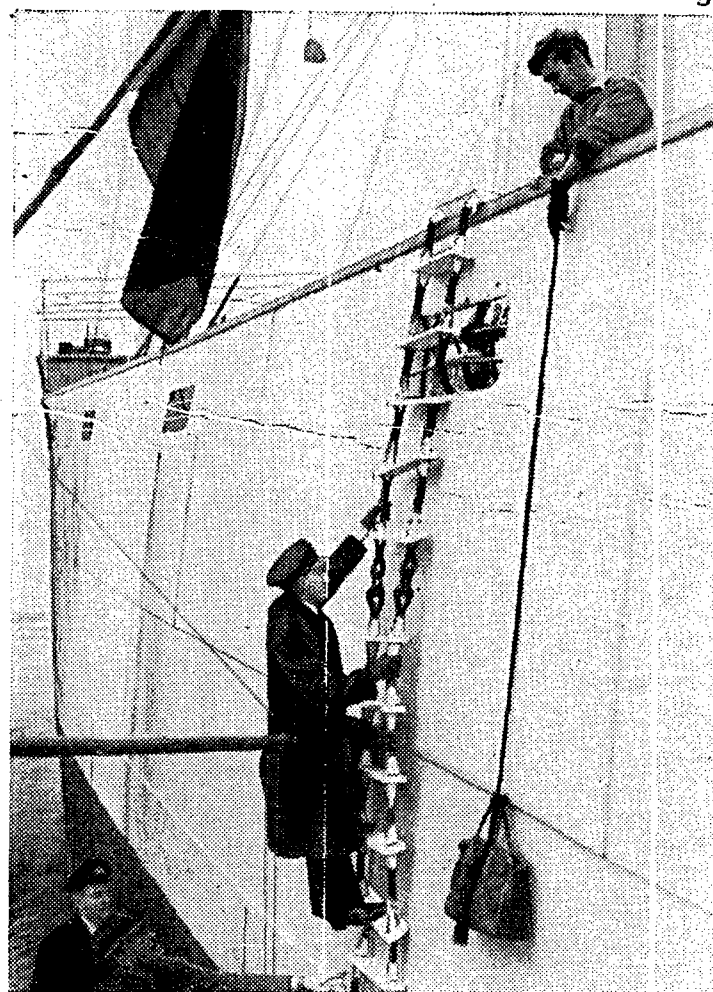
However, if successful, he must spend not less than three, or more than six, months on the river, working with experienced pilots, and at his own expense. Then he sits for an exam on charts, rules of the river, shipping byelaws, and his knowledge of foreign languages as far as concerns helm orders and ship-handling.

Once he is accepted, a Thames Pilot must live within five miles of the pier and be always, and unfailingly, within reach by telephone. He and his colleagues work on a roster. As soon as he is away on a ship he goes to the bottom of the list, returns home and waits till he becomes No 8 from the top, and is then called for duty. In this way there are always a sufficient number of pilots ready and waiting in the big room. The Channel Pilot is at sea for about four days a week; the River Pilot every day but, of course, for shorter periods—usually it takes about five hours to do a trip to the Docks or the Pool.

WARNING of ships' arrival comes from the ships' owners or agents to a messengers' room. When a ship arrives off the pier she asks for a pilot either by a special whistle blast (one long and four shorts); or by hoisting the code flag for "G" (blue and yellow vertical stripes); or, at night, by making "G" on a signal lamp.

At this point in the proceedings I was able to follow Mr Black and one of his fellow pilots into the cutter, a big motor-boat tied up at the pier-head, and board a big ship in midstream.

We edged up to the tall ship's side whence hung a rope ladder. A deck-hand threw a rope down



The Jacob's Ladder is lowered for the pilot to climb aboard while his bag is hauled up

for Mr Black's bag, which was made fast and hauled up, and then the pilot swung himself onto the first rung, went up, and disappeared. This was simple enough at Gravesend on a reasonably fine morning but might be a very different matter at the other end of his trip, in mid-Channel with a sea running.

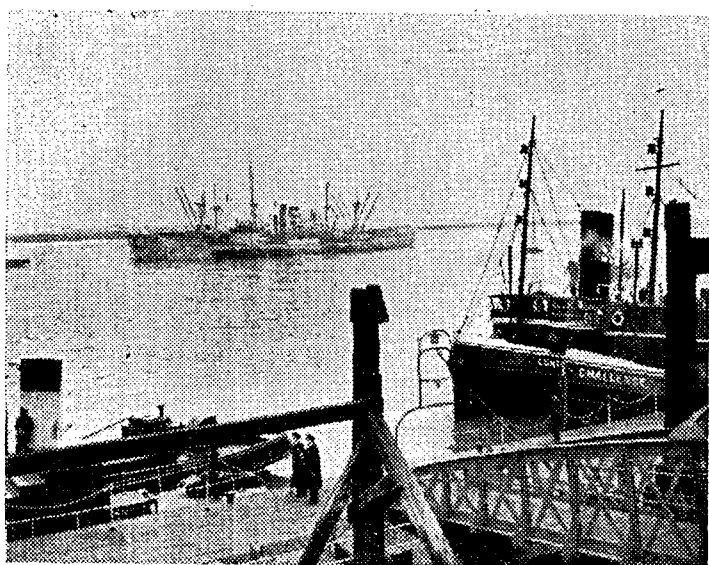
Cutters with messing accommodation are always cruising off Harwich and Dungeness with pilots who have either just left an outgoing ship or are waiting for an incoming one. A feeder service of launches carries the pilots to and from the shore. All these cutters are fitted with R.T. (Radio Telephones) for sending and receiving up-to-the-minute information about ships, dangers to navigation, and so on.

ONCE the pilot is on the bridge he takes charge, and if he were to make the smallest mistake this might mean the end of his job. But the captain is still legally responsible for his ship. So, in giving orders to helmsman or engine-room, the pilot usually first of all says to the Captain, "I'm going to ease down" (reduce speed) or "I'm going to alter course so-and-so."

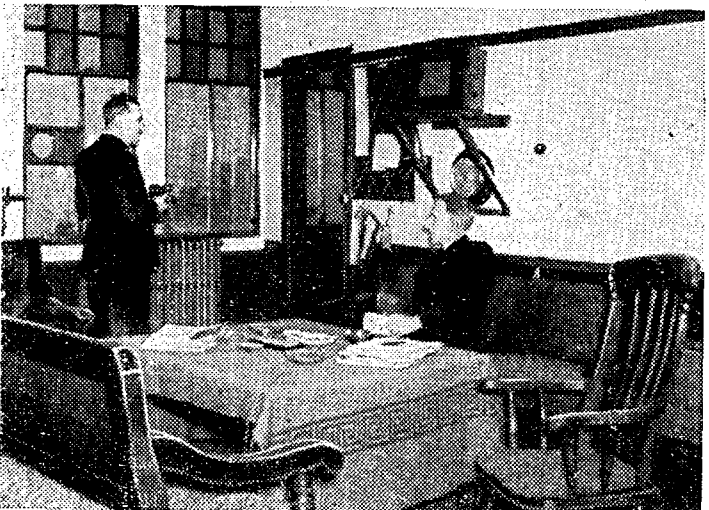
The first thing the pilot has to ask the Captain when he reaches the bridge is where the ship is bound. If for China, for instance, the pilot must take her to Dungeness. If for Norway, to the Sunk Lightship off Harwich. Then he wants to know what depth of water the vessel draws. These things, the state of the tide, and the weather, will decide which of the various channels through the sandbanks must be used.

ON goes the ship, in fair or foul weather, in fog or darkness or driving rain, through those sandbanks which are like a maze; and a maze which is always a tangle. I was shown a place on the chart, 20 miles from land, where only three feet of water cover the sand at low tide. And at one point the Goodwin Sands are three feet above low water, and you can walk on them; but 500 feet away, less than many a ship's length nowadays, there is a depth of 50 feet.

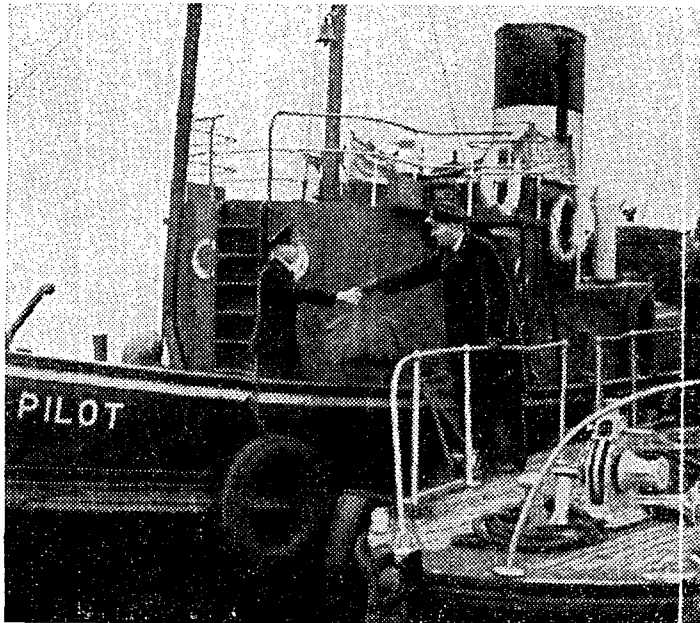
It is a question of feeling one's way, with a sort of sixth sense and all the aid that science can give, from the one to the other of the tumbling buoys and lightships—coloured shapes by day and winking lights by night. And there are often hundreds, and sometimes thousands, of lives in that pilot's hands.



The scene from the Pilots' Room at Royal Terrace Pier, headquarters of the Trinity House Pilots



Mr Black chats with a colleague while waiting in the Pilots' Room for the arrival of a ship



On board the Pilot Cutter Mr Black prepares to leave for a ship waiting in midstream





### Meeting Peter Pan

Miss Margaret Lockwood, who will be the boy who wouldn't grow up in this year's London production of Peter Pan, makes friends at the Children's Society nursery at Catford.

### Are the Red Squirrels Returning?

EVERY autumn the squirrels gather acorns, beechmast, and hazel nuts for their secret larders. Every year they forget where the food has been hidden; and this year rats, mice, voles, and other creatures have been helping themselves as usual to the squirrels' secret stores, writes a Nature Correspondent.

Recent months have seen a noticeable reduction in the numbers of grey squirrels in some districts of Sussex, and farmers and gardeners are not sorry. For grey squirrels, lovely as they are to look at, have large appetites, and during the past summer they helped themselves to too many strawberries, apples, and bulbs.

On the other hand there is encouraging news from some areas of an increase in numbers of the charming little red squirrels. These dainty creatures are carefully protected by many farmers and landowners who like to see them clambering about the trees with a skill that is astonishing.

Even ten years ago our native red squirrel was common in most parts of the South and Midlands. Then their numbers dwindled as the grey squirrel—imported from North America—grew more abundant. There is no evidence for the belief that the grey squirrels attacked the red ones, though it is rare for the two to live peacefully in the same woods.

It is too early to decide whether this sudden recovery of the red squirrel is widespread. It may be confined to a few districts. But one thing is certain: most country lovers would feel happy if these handsome creatures became as common as they were formerly.

True, the forester does not always like the red squirrels, for they are apt to eat the growing shoots of young trees. But that is almost the only thing to be said against them, and many foresters would be glad to see them plentiful again despite any damage they may do.

### SMALL MINE WITH BIG PROSPECTS

WHAT is believed to be the smallest coal mine in the country—it employs only seven men—may shortly be yielding 100 tons of coal weekly.

The Ludworth Moor Colliery is situated nearly a thousand feet above sea level on the bleak Pennines, at Ludworth in north Derbyshire. It was started seven years ago by a Lancashire miner, Ebor Mullineux, and his three sons. During the initial stages of this enterprise, into which Ebor sank all his savings, untold hardships were experienced.

At a cost of £3000 Mullineux first cut a six-feet-high drift for a distance of 200 yards into the rising side of the moor, after which he lined the tunnel with steel sections of Anderson shelters. Long before the tunnel was completed, however, a fast-flowing spring caused considerable flooding, and much water had to be pumped from the workings. With the aid of a mechanical navy tons of peat, glacial clay, and rock were removed before even the glimmer of a coal-seam was found.

About six months ago, a three-foot-wide seam yielding 20 tons of coal weekly was discovered; and it is estimated that some 80,000 tons lie under the forty acres of moor for which mining rights have been acquired. Working only by candlelight, the miners are opening up two new levels which will enable twelve more men to be employed.

In addition to its coal output, twenty tons of pure fire-clay are mined every week, the bulk of which is exported.

### CASTLE COLLEGE

THE National College of Music and Drama has just been opened in Cardiff Castle, which was given to the city by Lord Bute. Already 250 students have enrolled, but ultimately the college will provide for over a thousand.

Eighteen rooms in the castle have been set aside for the college, ranging from one capable of accommodating a full orchestra to small rooms where individual tuition will be given.

### South Africa's Redheads

IF Scotland does not look out, her reputation of having more red-headed children than any other country in the Commonwealth will be lost to South Africa, writes a correspondent in the Union.

Many schools in Johannesburg and Cape Town have three, four, and even five pupils with red hair in their classes. What is to account for this increase in the number of redheads in South Africa?

The most popular explanation is that it is all the result of the sun. Just as the sensitive skin throws out freckles to protect itself against undue exposure to sunlight, so does the head grow red hair as a protection against the actinic rays. In fact, freckled faces and red heads seem to go together in the Union.

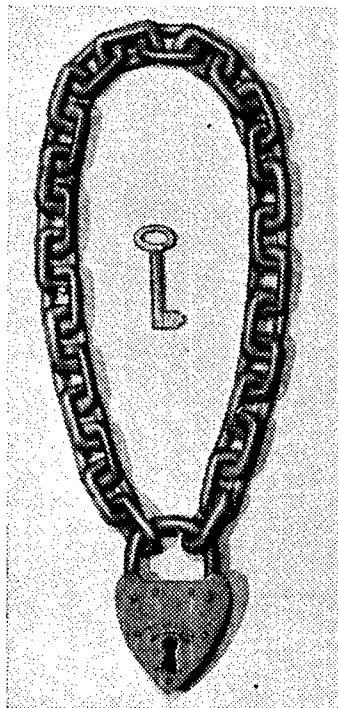
But the recent increase in red-headedness is ascribed to the growing habit among young people in South Africa of going about hatless. It would appear that the choice is between wearing a hat or "going red."

### PENMAN AND CRAFTSMAN TOO

How would you set about making a wooden chain of 28 links out of a solid piece of teak two feet long and one inch square?

Ask Daniel Hamilton, aged 12, of Kilmarnock, Scotland, who made such a chain—seen in the picture—with a fretwork set which he won in this year's C.N. Handwriting Competition. He made, too, a padlock to go with the chain.

A chain made of metal is easy; you simply heat each link and weld its ends together inside the next link. But you can't do that with wood. The whole thing must be sawn out of a solid block,



and that is what Daniel has done.

He has even put wooden works inside his teak padlock, and they function when the wooden key is turned.

Daniel is a craftsman of skill and imagination, and it is indeed encouraging to see how these qualities, on which British industry is based, are being developed by young people.

### The Editor's Table

#### DECEMBER'S PROMISE

THE month of the shortest day arrives with its cheering reminder of the approach once more of the universal feast of Christmas.

Cold, damp, and raw though it may be, December also brings the brightest season of the year; it is the month when most people rise above the anxieties of daily living and prepare to salute the arrival of happier days.

*Ring out the want, the care, the sin,  
The faithless coldness of the times;  
Ring out, ring out, my mournful rhymes,  
But ring the fuller minstrel in.*

It is a wise construction of the Christian calendar which sets aside the whole month of December in preparation for Christmas. This Advent is a reminder that the preparation for Christmas is as important as the great feast itself.

IN December the skill of advertiser and salesman alike is now directed towards a record of mounting sales. It is a season of selling and buying; and there is, of course, nothing wrong in this, provided always that the central meaning of Advent is not overlooked.

That meaning is the profound and miraculous one of God appearing on Earth in human form. December enshrines the heart of the Christian faith, and is the preparation ground for all the coming loveliness and wonder of Christmas. No other month in the calendar is so rich with expectancy in the young, or so packed with joyful memories for the old.

DECEMBER is pre-eminently the children's month because of the Infant Jesus. The wonder of Christ in a Manger can never depart. It will always make December a happy month for children and for all those of any age who remain young at heart.

#### Ensuring Safety on the Roads

YOUNG people have a special duty to themselves and to that world of the future which will be theirs when they grow up. It is to do away with the avoidable waste of life on the roads, and to establish, in years to come, the first generation of road-safety-conscious citizens.

Every year, at present, 1000 children are killed on the roads and nearly 30,000 injured, many of them maimed for life.

Already preparations are going ahead for the great Children's Safety Week which is to begin on March 19 next year. More than 1000 Road Safety organisations will be invited to support the Week.

The effort will be a failure, however, if it has not the ardent support of Youth.

#### The "National" in National Trust

THE word "national" has become an unfortunate label for the National Trust, for many members of the public are led thereby to believe that the Trust is a kind of State organisation, said Mr E. H. Keeling, M.P., at the Trust's recent annual meeting.

The National Trust is kept going by funds subscribed by those who love their country's beauty. It is urgently in need of more money, Lord Crawford revealed at the meeting, and already has had to delve deeply into its reserves.

"The British, the most urban nation in the world," said Sir Norman Birkett, "are the fortunate possessors of a countryside of unequalled beauty. When it is sufficiently understood that the Trust is a voluntary organisation, depending entirely upon the public, I am sure that the country-loving people of this Island will respond to appeals for support."

#### MORE SCHOOLS ARE ON THE WAY

"THERE is nothing that a Minister of Education can enjoy more at the present time than opening new schools. If he can open three or four at the same time, his cup of happiness is well on the way to being filled," said the Minister recently, when opening a new primary school at Taunton.

Mr Tomlinson revealed that in the four months between June 1 and October 1, new school places were provided at the rate of 400 per working day. In this period 60 new school departments were provided, 37 complete and 23 which could be occupied, although there was still some building work to be done.

C.N. readers will agree with him that these figures should provide some encouragement both for the leaders in the school building race, and for those local education authorities who still have a long way to go in providing places for new scholars.

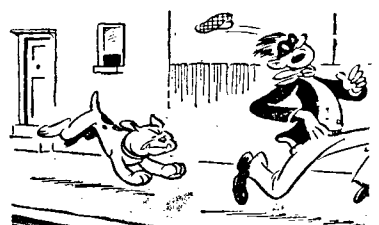
#### Under the E

DEARER haircuts are off. Hair will be too.

THE Women's Land Army is to be wound up. Then it will go.

FROGS were found in upstairs rooms at Reading. And told to hop off.

SCHOOL cycling clubs often go for a spin. Only the top classes.



THE bulldog is going out. A intruder?



## THINGS SAID

THERE are many thousands in Europe who look to this country to help them in creating that common way of life which will satisfy their spiritual needs and will create the unity which they long for.

*Headmaster of Eton*

I SHUDDER to think of the ceaseless cascade of medicine which is pouring down British throats at the present time. I wish I could believe that its efficacy was equal to the credulity with which it is being swallowed.

*The Minister of Health*

LET us keep human rights in the forefront of our minds today. . . . How despicable are those who try to stop the march of progress by spreading racial strife.

*Anthony Eden, M P*

WE do not want politics in our religion, but we do want Christian standards in our politics.

*Sir Stafford Cripps*

## STAFF OF LIFE

BREAD is still the staff of life in Britain.

Dr Norman Wright, scientific adviser to the Ministry of Food, recently stated that there has been a remarkable increase in the amount of bread we eat; since before the war it has risen from 3,000,000 to 4,500,000 tons. Moreover, we eat twice as much cake—800,000 tons a year, in place of the former 400,000 tons.

Of course, there are other foods, such as meat, of which we eat considerably less; but that our fondness for the bakery is a good thing was shown by a further statement by Dr Wright. Bakery products, he said, furnished three times as many calories as any other class of food, and also contributed as much protein as meat, milk, and eggs combined.

## JUST AN IDEA

As Tagore wrote, Every child comes into the world with the message that God does not yet despair of man.

## Editor's Table

PETER PUCK  
WANTS TO KNOW  
If water is most  
people's main drink



A FATHER says his son is crazy on trains. Ought to travel by bus.

THE London allotment holder is protesting against giving up his land. Says it is a plot.

A LADY carries her umbrella in a bag slung over her shoulder. Never puts it down.

MEMBERS of a certain Council complain that a chiming clock interrupts their debates. Think it is their turn to strike.

## London Incident

### A SPARROW GETS A DUCKING

ALONG the edge of the lake in St James's Park a bird-lover strolled, feeding the sparrows. About a hundred of these cheeky Cockneys were gathered round him, and many were boldly taking morsels from his fingers.

At this moment a duck strutted majestically into the centre of the sparrow family, demanding attention—and a share of the bread. It looked really quaint in their midst.

One little sparrow persisted in jumping to the fingers of the bird-lover, each time robbing the duck by inches. At one moment, however, they both arrived together and the sparrow got the bread. The peaceful scene immediately changed into one of drama.

Holding the sparrow firmly in its beak, the duck literally ran back to the lake, jumped into it, and swam well out into the middle, and then plunged the tiny captive beneath the water before releasing its hold.

The sparrow surfaced immediately, and with flapping wings and much difficulty made for the safety of the shore, where, meanwhile, the other sparrows had broken up into little groups of threes and fours, looking for all the world as though they were seriously discussing the dastardly attack.

As for the duck it brazenly swam to the bank, quacking with satisfaction, and resumed its place with the few remaining sparrows. But the bird-lover had a score to settle, and drove it back, gently but firmly, to the lake.

### BEWARE FALSE GODS

A WARNING of what happens to nations that lose their religious faith was given recently by Professor R. H. Tawney.

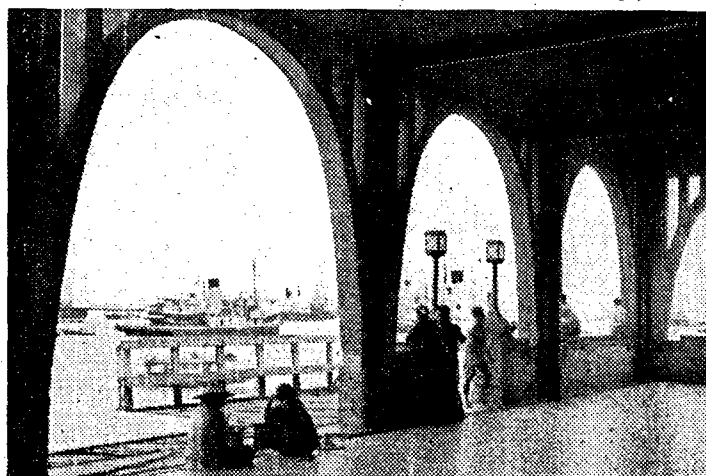
"Since man is, of his nature, a religious animal," he declared, "the alternative to religion is rarely irreligion; it is a counter-religion." He went on to say that the empty house does not long remain untenanted, for it is occupied by some form of idolatry, with its own mortal gods, its own sacrifices to appease them, and so on. The idolatries waiting to succeed were legion; but the most popular claimants to the political throne had commonly been two—the worship of riches and the worship of power.

We should heed the professor's warning. People who have lost their faith often turn to worshipping a political doctrine as though it were a divine revelation. Even if a faithless nation avoids that dismal pitfall, it is in danger of worshipping material wealth.

### The Miracle

THIS world after all our science and sciences is still a miracle—wonderful, inscrutable, magical and more—to whosoever will think of it. *Thomas Carlyle*

## SINGAPORE, CITY OF SUCCESS



The harbour at Singapore, as seen from Collyer's Quay

With the official opening of its University, the re-opening of its famous tin market, and a conference attended by British Government officials and service officers from the area known as the Far East, the City of Singapore has been prominent in world news this autumn.

SINGAPORE is on an island at the tip of the Malayan peninsula, and has become, as its founder Sir Stamford Raffles predicted, one of the greatest of Far Eastern cities. Geographically, the island is 27 miles long and 14 miles wide. The south-west is hilly, but the east is flat, sandy, and marshy. Because of its most favourable position at the gateway of great trade routes, Singapore is of vital importance.

From a distance Singapore is one long white stretch of land with each building melting into a thin line. On closer inspection the docks, harbour, and bay are revealed crowded with vessels of every size and nationality, from great British P & O liners and American President ships to the tiniest Malayan sampans. The Chinese junks there have their bows painted with vivid colours and embossed with great staring eyes in the belief that by their aid they will find their way safely across the open sea.

### Working Together

The scene in Singapore is one of industry, commerce, and trade prosperity similar to that in Hong Kong. The whole colony is an example of how different races can work together and co-operate in the East. The

Malayan and Chinese populations are about equal in numbers, but from cultural, religious, and many other standpoints they have nothing in common. The Malays have earned themselves the name of "gentlemen of the East." They live side by side with Filipinos, Bengalis, and Annamese, together with the European nationalities.

Great Britain holds the reins and is responsible for the well-being, security, and liberty of this Colony. Here British Civil Servants work in co-operation with the citizens of the Malayan Federation to guide them to self-government within the Commonwealth.

### Sights and Sounds

A drive through Singapore is a memorable experience. There is the huge Raffles hotel; Government and commercial buildings rank beside blocks of open-balconied flats. Characteristic sights and sounds are the twisting, turning trishaws—rickshaws have been banned; the shuffling and clatter of wooden sandals; Chinese boys and girls in silken tunics and trousers; Sikh policemen regulating the traffic.

Singapore is a place for youth. It is a Colony of progress. Lately, there have been rapid developments by way of free education for the Chinese and Malayan children. Last month the University of Malaya was officially opened at Raffles College. Inspectors of health have been appointed, medical services and social welfare schemes have been introduced. Altogether, the standard of living in Singapore is the highest in South-East Asia.



THIS ENGLAND

The picturesque half-timbered walls of Weobley in Herefordshire

## Pisa's Tower Keeps Leaning

THE famous Leaning Tower of Pisa has tilted another quarter of an inch in the past 12 years. This was reported recently at the first meeting since 1937 of the Ministerial Commission responsible for preserving the tower.

For nearly eight centuries Pisa's beautiful marble tower, 179 feet high, has been slowly tilting over, as though tired of standing there through the centuries. It began leaning when it was built and was only 40 feet high, although its designer had no intention of making it lean.

### Work Suspended

In 1174 when workmen drove in the piles for the foundations, they wanted to erect the finest tower on Earth, and, of course, they wanted it to stand as upright as themselves. But when they had reached the third storey, its foundations began to sink on one side. They kept on building, trying to keep it straight by placing the higher stones nearer the perpendicular; but it continued to sink, and at last the work was suspended.

The unfinished tower went on sinking. Builder after builder tried but lost heart until at last, in the middle of the 14th century, an architect of vision and courage boldly undertook to finish the strange leaning tower.

He made the columns on the sinking side longer than on the other, and took care to limit the height of the tower so that the centre of its gravity should fall within its walls. He made the walls at the top only half as thick as those at the base.

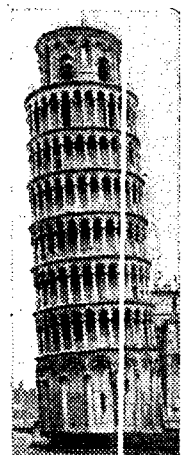
Although it has gone on steadily sinking ever since, this tower with its tiers of arches and its hundred columns is one of the four glories of Pisa; the others, all close at hand in the spacious square, are the Cathedral, the Baptistery, and the Campo Santo.

As art was re-born at Pisa, so was modern science. It was from the top of the Leaning Tower that Galileo proved a natural law to some bigoted compatriots. For nearly 2000 years men had been repeating in parrot fashion Aristotle's axiom that if two bodies fell from the same height the heavier would reach the ground first.

### Incredulous Professors

Galileo knew different; but to prove that he was right he went to the top of the Leaning Tower and dropped a ten-pound weight and a one-pound weight. Both reached the ground at the same time. The watching professors were incredulous, but Galileo had proved his point!

Everything possible has been done to strengthen the base of the Leaning Tower, and to divert the underground waters which flow near it; but, by imperceptible degrees, its foundations continue to sink on one side.



The Leaning Tower of Pisa



## Britain's Bird of the Snows

The ptarmigan, a relation of the grouse, welcomes the coming of winter because it is fond of roosting in the snow. Mr Seton Gordon spoke of this in a recent lecture before the Royal Institution, to whom he reported that ptarmigan are becoming more numerous in Scotland. During the war their numbers dwindled owing to an increase in foxes and wild cats.

The only place where the ptarmigan is likely to find its favourite chilly bed in summer-time is in a corrie (hollow space) on Braeriach mountain in the Cairngorms where, probably, there is Britain's only perpetual snowfield. Mountain-tops are the ptarmigan's home, for the bird seldom breeds on land less than 2000 feet high, and it eats the alpine plants growing on the heights.

The ptarmigan also welcomes snow as protection against another enemy—Britain's only eagle, the golden eagle. When the ptarmigan puts on its white winter dress and lies motionless in the snow, even the eagle's eye cannot spot it, and the hill fox slinks by unaware of the dinner not far away.

Golden eagles, Mr Seton Gordon said, are holding their own in the Highlands, and for this he paid a tribute to the good work by the Society of Bird Watchers and Wardens, continued by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

## Athletes For Auckland

WHEN the last Empire Games were held—in 1938, in Sydney—507 athletes competed; but this record total may well be beaten early next year when the next British Empire Games are held in Auckland, New Zealand.

More than 350 athletes have been nominated by the Commonwealth countries, apart from New Zealand, and it is not unlikely that another 200 competitors will represent the "Maoris." Only India, Hong Kong, Ceylon, and Trinidad have failed to send in any entries.

## Steps to Sporting Fame



Guernsey folk are keen followers of English football and have special interest in Len Duquemin, leading the Spurs in a promotion bid.



For Len is a Guernsey lad. He formed an attachment for Tottenham when the team visited the Channel Islands in his boyhood; and resolved one day to wear the famous white shirt himself.



War came and dreams faded. The Duquemin family were among those who suffered the humiliation and misery of German occupation. Len was directed by the enemy into agricultural work.

## Len Duquemin



After the war, he realised his schoolboy ambition and became a Tottenham player. Promoted to the League team in 1947, he has been leading goal-scorer ever since. To the crowd he is "The Dook."

## Scottish Records Back Home Again

Two very ordinary-looking large paper parcels arrived recently at Register House, Edinburgh. They contained certain Scottish State documents which had been carried off to London as spoils of war over 600 years ago!

It was Edward I who removed the Scottish national records to England in 1291 when asked by the Scottish nobles to name his choice among several claimants to the Scottish throne following upon the death of Alexander III and his grand-daughter, the Maid of Norway. The documents should have been returned to Scotland the following year, and they actually started upon their way but got no farther north than Berwick or Roxburgh.

When in 1296 the weak King John Balliol, the nominee of Edward, was prevailed upon to denounce the overlordship of the English King and revolt against him, the records were once more taken south to London.

### End of a War

By the Treaty of Northampton of 1328, which ended a long war between Scotland and England, the records should have been returned to Edinburgh, but this clause of the Treaty was never carried out.

It was not until the Public Records Act of 1937 was passed that nine of the Scottish State documents were allowed to return to Scotland. Last year the fate of the remainder was decided when the Master of the Rolls decided which were connected exclusively with Scottish affairs.

Among the numerous writs, warrants, and receipts signed by Scottish and English officials between the death of the Maid of Norway and the award of the Scottish Crown by Edward I to John Balliol is an interesting letter from the captain of a Spanish merchant ship to Alexander III. The Spanish ship, loaded with a rich cargo of wines, raisins, bales of silk, and thirty full suits of armour, had been wrecked in the Hebrides, and the captain complains bitterly that the Highlanders are plundering his vessel.

## SILENT CITY OF THE AFGHAN DESERT

A LEGENDARY city has been discovered in the trackless wastes of the Afghan desert, 280 miles south of Herat.

According to ancient Afghan legends a great city named Peshawarun once flourished in this area, but was abandoned by its inhabitants when enemy invaders cut off their water supply in the hills. No written records remain of this once proud city where, it was said, more than 50,000 people lived, and it was thought that even if it had once existed it must long since have been engulfed by the desert sands. Now this long-lost city of legend has been found.

Mr Walter A. Fairservis of the American Museum of Natural History made the discovery in August when driving through the Afghan desert in a jeep. As he and his colleagues were travelling one day through the inhospitable wilderness known as the Desert of Death, they were astonished to see on the horizon the massive bulk of a great fortress surrounded by domed mosques and a great wall studded with towers.

Closer inspection revealed the relics of a large city with an

area of thirty square miles. It must once have had between 50,000 and 100,000 inhabitants; now it was a ghostly, silent place, with no signs of life except for a few desert vipers scuttling for shelter at the sight of the intruders.

Most of the buildings are well preserved, and several aqueducts and gracefully-built fountains are

## THE TRUTH ABOUT CAPTAIN KIDD

WAS Captain Kidd a pirate? Records tell us that late in the 17th century one William Kidd went to America and was later brought back to England, tried at the Old Bailey for piracy and murder, and eventually hanged. But are all the stories that are told about him true?

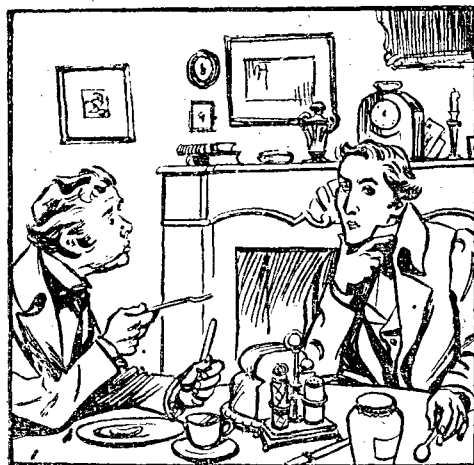
An American writer examines the facts in the December issue of World Digest; and there are many other absorbing items in this bright shilling monthly for people with lively minds. You will find that it will interest all the family.

evidence of an advanced state of civilisation. The great walls of the city, from 10 to 15 feet thick and containing chambers at intervals along their length, are badly broken down in places—probably due to the sand beating on them through the centuries. It is significant that all the wells in the city are dry.

Mr Fairservis and his companions found examples of glazed pottery which could rank with the finest in the world, as well as various tools and utensils made of iron and bronze, and many finely-wrought fabrics. These will be exhibited at the American Museum of Natural History next January.

Fascinated though they were by their discovery, the explorers could not make an extended stay in the silent city, for the nearest water was 75 miles away and had to be fetched in empty petrol cans. They will soon be returning, however, to explore the unmapped site, and perhaps to prove the truth of the theory that the people of Pashawarun abandoned their city some seven or eight centuries ago, and trekked 700 miles across the desert to found Peshawar, on the North-West Frontier of Pakistan.

## GREAT EXPECTATIONS—A New Picture-Version of the Famous Novel by Charles Dickens



Alarmed at Wemmick's warning, Pip lodged out that night and next morning went to see him. Wemmick, as a lawyer's clerk, was not supposed to know that Abel was in England, but Pip learned that his own rooms were being watched. Because of this, during Pip's absence, Herbert had smuggled Abel to a house by the Thames. There, Wemmick hinted, Abel should lie low until suspicion died down, when it would be safe to get him abroad.



That evening Pip went to Abel's hiding-place, a room in a house in a quiet spot overlooking the Pool of London. Herbert was with the old convict. Pip told them what he had heard and promised Abel to leave the country with him when they heard from Wemmick that it was safe to make the attempt. They agreed that Pip should not come to this house again, in case Abel's enemy should follow him there.



For if Abel's enemy found his hiding-place, he would denounce him and Abel would be hanged for returning from Australia. They arranged that Pip should row down the river, as though for exercise, and that Abel should signal that he was still safe by pulling-down a window blind. For several days the blind was drawn when Pip rowed past. Pip hoped Abel's enemy was thrown off the scent.



Returning one evening, Pip left his boat below London Bridge and went to a theatre where Mr Wopsle, a man from his village, was performing. Afterwards, Mr Wopsle met him outside and, in a puzzled voice, said: "You remember in old times, when you were quite a child, there was a chase after two convicts, and we joined in? One of those two prisoners sat behind you tonight!" Pip knew it wasn't Abel.

Has Compeyson, the discharged convict, discovered Abel? See next week's instalment of this powerful story



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## JANE &amp; DAVID ON TOUR WITH THE OPERA

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This Week—

## Alpine Express



"Look!" cried David. "The Alps!"

Jane pressed her face against the cold window of the railway carriage, under the label which read: *Compartment réservé—Opéra anglais*.

Even the grown-up members of the company paused for a moment in their gossip and knitting, and card-playing, and bent forward to catch their first glimpse of the snowy peaks.

"Soon be in Italy," said Mr Murray comfortably, and went back to the musical score on which he was making pencil notes.

"More Customs to go through," said Jane, with a yawn. Ten days ago she had never been abroad in her life; now, after a week in Paris and a train journey across France, she was feeling—and talking—like an experienced traveller.

Donia looked up from her fashion magazine. Donia was one of the young ballet dancers who had small parts to dance in several of the operas. Being only three or four years older than Jane and David, she was always anxious to make it quite clear that she was a working member of the company, whereas they were only there because of their parents.

"You should worry," she drawled cattily. "The Customs don't bother with kids."

JANE reddened. Mr Murray's eyebrows went up at Donia's tone, but, like a wise father, he said nothing. It was David who sprang to his friend's support.

"Well, you should know," he said with elaborate politeness. Everyone knew it was Donia's first foreign tour as well. She bit her lip, thereby transferring a surplus blob of scarlet lipstick to her sharp little teeth, and tossed her sleek black head over the magazine, as though he were not worth answering.

David smiled across at Jane. "Shall we go and stand in the corridor for a bit?"

"Yes, let's," Jane had recovered her composure. She got up and edged after him.

"All sorts of beautiful sights—out here," said David from the doorway, stressing the last words rather more than was necessary. "Mind you don't step on the million-dollar feet!"

Donia studied fashions harder than ever, ignoring him, but she drew in her feet instinctively as Jane lurched past her into the corridor.

On and on rushed the express, winding up through the valleys of Savoy to where the Alps gathered their icy folds like a giant curtain, dividing France and Italy.

The long, silver streak of the Lac du Bourget slid behind. The winter sportsmen, laden with skis and skates, had left the train at the last station. Early in the season though it was, the higher

slopes looked already well spread with snow.

"Isn't it lovely?" said Jane. The long windows of the corridor showed a much grander panorama than they had seen from inside the compartment.

"Super," David agreed cheerfully. "How those people can sit playing bridge and knitting jumpers—"

"Enjoying the scenery?" inquired a rich, friendly voice at their side.

They were aware suddenly of a bulky figure in an immense overcoat, and the scent of an expensive cigar. Two dark eyes twinkled down at them.

"Er... yes, rather," said David.

"That's a right, young fellow." The man positively purred, like an immense, good-tempered cat. His English was so good that it was hard to tell, at first, that he was a foreigner. Even when they decided that he was, they could not guess whether he was French, Italian, or neither.

"It's a long journey, all-a the way to Italy?"

"Yes; but I like it."

JANE said nothing. She was not attracted to the big man, though she could not say why. He proved an interesting companion, for he had obviously travelled that way many times before. He could point out the landmarks and explain all kinds of things about French railways. David was mad on railways, but she had never thought much about them.

"You like-a chocolates?" said the stranger suddenly, as though determined to make friends with her. And he fished out a box from his overcoat pocket.

"Er—not at the moment, thank you very much," she said politely.

"Never take sweets from strangers, eh? You been taught-a that, young lady?" He chuckled so good-humouredly that she felt rather awkward. "Oh, it's a good-a rule," he went on, nodding his head. "You don't-a know, do you? I may be a verra wicked man—the chocolates are poisoned, surely?"

He slit the transparent wrapper with his thumb, popped a luscious-looking chocolate into his own mouth, and smacked his lips.

## FINAL ENTRIES—

in the great £750 C.N. School Quiz are arriving as Children's Newspaper appears this week. Any pupils and schools who have not yet completed their entries must do so immediately if they are to reach this office by the Closing Date, December 1.

There is no Entry Fee in this competition, but when returned to us, every completed form is to have affixed to it one of the Tokens that have been appearing each week at the foot of the back page of C.N.

"You won't-a change your mind now? Or your young man here?"

Jane was so embarrassed by the last remark that she accepted a chocolate, and David did the same. They were very good chocolates. The man seemed to think so, too, for he helped them to finish the box. She began to think he was quite nice, after all. He could not help his somewhat overpowering manner—it was just his way.

THEY went on chatting.

"This is the shortest train-a route for Italy, but it is not-a the most beautiful. Oh, no! For that you must-a travel by the St Gothard. Verra picturesque! But this is quicker. In a few kilometres now we come-a to the long Mont Cenis tunnel—and then, presto! we are in Italy."

"More Customs!" Jane let the remark slip out again, but the stranger answered more pleasantly than Donia had done.

"Respectable travellers like ourselves need not fear-a the Customs," he said grandly, as though reassuring a grown-up fellow-passenger. "It is the professional smugglers they watch-a for—the bad ones who are always passing-a to and fro."

"Well," said Jane, "if you'll excuse me, I think I'll sit down for a bit. I'm tired of standing."

"Have you-a plenty to read?"

"Not a thing," David broke in. "We've finished all our English books and papers."

The stranger's face broke into a broad smile.

"One moment, my young friends! In my bag I have two children's books—English—a books, that I bring from-a London to my American friends in-a Venice—"

"Please don't trouble—" Jane began; but the man was half-way down the corridor, moving as quickly and springily as a big cat. He vanished into a compartment beyond the last of those reserved for the opera company, and reappeared a moment later with two large and gaudy volumes.

"No trouble at all," he assured them. "See—nice-a stories, pretty pictures, funnee jokes-a, yes?"

JANE and David looked at the books, and for a moment were speechless. They were both annuals intended for children aged about seven.

"It's—er—awfully kind of you," said David, "but I—I think I'd sooner go on looking at the scenery."

"You won't-a see no scenery soon! We get-a to the verra long tunnel." David found the book thrust into his hands.

Jane struggled a little longer. "They're lovely books!" she said tactfully, "but if we're so near Italy we shan't have time to finish them—and we both hate starting books we can't finish—"

"That's all-a right, my dear! Keep-a the books till we get-a to Turin—or Milan, if you like!"

There was no escape. He had been too generous with the chocolates, they felt they could not hurt his feelings. Gloomily they went back to their seats, and, well aware that he could see them from the corridor, opened the books.

DONIA did not fail to notice the childish literature on their laps. Her scarlet lips parted with amusement.

"C—A—T spells 'Cat,'" she

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## ALPINE EXPRESS

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drawled. "Let me know if you have any difficulty with your reading. I hope those books are suitable for innocent little toddlers like you? Not too grown-up?"

They gave her a withering scowl, but with the well-meaning stranger just outside the compartment they had to go on turning the pages with apparent interest and enjoyment.

At the last French station the train pulled up for the Customs officers to examine the baggage.

"What a business it is nowadays!" groaned Mr Murray. "In the old days they only asked about scent and brandy, and a few other things. Now they ask about everything—even the money in your wallet."

Actually, the opera company was let down very lightly, considering the amount of luggage they had, and, as Donia had forecast, the two young people were left quite undisturbed.

"You see," she smirked as the train gathered speed again, "they let you enjoy your Toddlers' Annual or whatever—"

"Dry up!" snarled David, and so far forgot himself as to brandish his book at her. She thought he was really going to throw it, and flung out her hand. The heavy volume crashed down between their feet, splitting its thick binding.

"Now you've done it!" said Jane, with a frightened glance at the corridor. But the stranger had gone.

"Glory!" said David. "I'll have to apologise, and offer to—" He stopped. "Look there!" Where the binding had split could be seen the corners of some high-value bank notes, cunningly pasted over with paper.

"By George!" said Mr Murray. "Smuggling currency!"

A FEW moments later the train shot out of the tunnel into the sunshine and pulled up for the Italian Customs examination. Jane's father had the situation in hand by then. After a quick word with an official he walked along the corridor and poked his head into the stranger's compartment.

"Your books, I think, sir? Many thanks for lending them to my daughter and her friend."

When the express rattled on again Jane and David were back in the corridor, exclaiming over the landscape which was flashing past them. This time they had no fellow-traveller to point out the landmarks, and no toddlers' annuals to read. Those interesting volumes were being studied by the frontier police, and their owner was finding explanations extremely difficult.

Jane and David are in Italy next week. Don't miss their adventure.

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Willy indeed wasn't able to run fast enough; and plop went the sack right over him.

"I've got him!" cried the boy, lifting the sack up at the corner. But seeing Willy lying stretched on his back with all four legs in the air and his eyes closed, he said:

"Oh dear! I must have hurt him! I'll get him some water." And off he ran.

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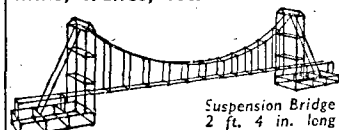
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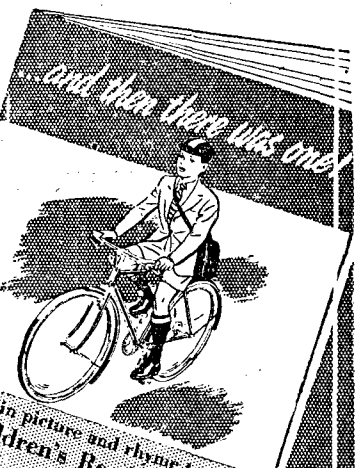
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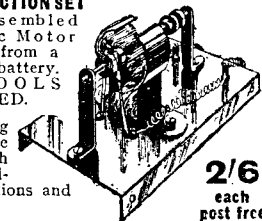
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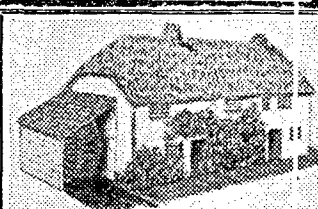
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## THE BRAN TUB

### CHANGE HERE

A MAN who must be a relation of Sammy Simple went into a public phone box the other day and called the operator.

"Miss, I want a fourpenny call but I haven't got four pennies," he explained. "Will it be all right if I put in two pennies, press button B and get my money back, then put in sixpence?"

### Quack Quack

SAID a jolly old miller named Power,  
"When I'm smothered all over with flour,  
To get the new look,  
I dive into the brook,  
And swim round with the ducks for an hour."

### FREE YOUR DOG

IF you have to leave your dog tied up for any length of time see that he gets the maximum amount of freedom. By using a very simple device the life of a tied-up dog can be greatly brightened.

Place a small post at the end of your garden and run a wire from the post to the dog's kennel, passing it through a running ring. Attach the ring to your dog's lead. This will enable the animal to roam without tramping on Father's flower-beds.

### Not in Debt

A YOUTH about to leave college went to see the Head.  
"I must thank you, sir," he said.  
"All I know I owe to you."  
"Pray don't mention such a trifle," protested the Head.

### CITY SQUARE

THE seven-letter names of seven cities and towns of Britain are hidden in the square below. To spell out each name, take its first letter from the first vertical column, its second from the second column, and so on. How quickly can you find them?

The next time you have a party make your own square and time your friends.

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G A E I T C N  
C H L S I L W  
C A I W O O F  
H R R C G F R

Answer next week

## Jacko Has Time on His Hands



"I WONDER why the clock has stopped," mused Jacko. He lifted it down and tentatively opened the back. . . . An hour or so later when Mother Jacko came in she nearly collapsed at the sight that greeted her. There was Jacko, "assisted" by Baby and Bouncer, surrounded by the clock's "innards." "Something seems to have gone wrong," explained Jacko sadly. The awful part came later when Father Jacko was informed. "What!" he exploded; and, on calming down, he added: "The sole reason for the clock stopping was because I FORGOT TO WIND IT."

### FARMER GRAY EXPLAINS

A Versatile Mimic. From the hawthorn tree came the sweet song of a robin. The instant it ceased, Don heard the song repeated from another part of the garden.

"Odd!" he thought, for only one robin was visible, nor did a careful survey of the garden reveal another.

"I feel sure there were two robins," Don told Farmer Gray, "but the only other bird I could see was a starling."

"Well, that solves the mystery," chuckled Farmer Gray. "Starlings are excellent mimics, and can copy the notes of various birds. Cats, too, are often imitated, much to their indignation."

### Fast Workers

"So you want to go on the films, do you? I suppose you expect to be a great actress?"

"Oh, no! I merely want to learn to write as fast as they do on the films when they have a letter to send. Shorthand is nothing to it for speed."

### POOR PERCY

AH, badminton! Now there's a game  
Where Percy really has won fame.  
But once, alas, he fell from grace  
And landed hard upon his face.  
Forgetting it was five feet high  
He went to leap the net. Oh my!

### Other Worlds

IN the evening Jupiter and Venus are in the south-west.

In the morning Mars and Saturn are in the south. The picture shows the Moon at 8 o'clock on Wednesday morning, November 30.

### THE MYSTERIOUS PENNY

HERE is a trick for the amateur conjurer which can be mastered after a few minutes' practice. You need a hat, a tumbler, and four pennies.

Take the four pennies in your hand and pick up the hat. As you do so let one coin slide between your finger tips. Place the hat on the glass, lodging the coin between the rim of the tumbler and the hat. The weight of the hat will keep the coin in position.

Now, with a "Hey Presto!" you throw the three coins into the hat. This will cause the penny lodged between the hat and the tumbler to fall into the tumbler, apparently passing right through the hat.

### Hallo

WHEN you answer the phone at home what are the first words you say? If you are like most people you say "Hallo." But this is wrong.

If the caller is phoning from a public call-box he does not know whether he has the right number or not; and to find out he must press button A. If by any chance he has got the wrong number then he has wasted his money.

So next time you answer the phone give clearly your exchange and number.

### RIDDLE-MY-NAME

My first's in cake but not in bread;  
My next is in both heart and head  
My third's in arrow, not in bow;  
My fourth's in reap but not in sow;  
My fifth's in little, less, and least;  
My sixth's in banquet and in feast;  
My last's in slice but not in mince.  
Solve it and find a baby Prince.

Answer next week

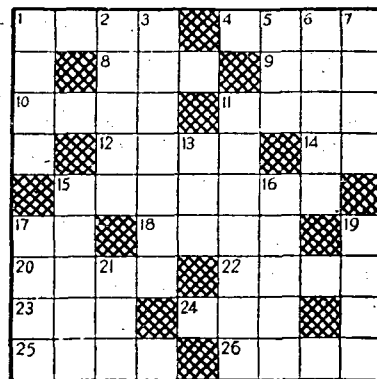
## Cross Word Puzzle

Reading Across. 1 Attach price figures. 4 Crippled. 8 Familiar hard-timber tree. 9 To obtain. 10 Not slack. 11 Large extinct bird. 12 Since, as in a famous parting song. 14 Indefinite article. 15 Of the healing art. 17 Pennsylvania. 18 Stork-like bird sacred to the ancient Egyptians. 20 A burden. 22 Coal pit. 23 A kind of vase. 24 Small piece of soft material, used to keep things apart. 25 Modest contribution. 26 Anagram of kale.

Reading Down. 1 Particle of dust. 2 Wake up. 3 This hopper admits that she did. 5 Gone by. 6 Award for service. 7 Famous school. 11 Of tenths or ten. 13 For writing. 15 New Zealander. 16 Away. 17 Roundish fleshy fruit. 19 Search for. 21 Anagram of kale.

Asterisk indicates abbreviations  
Answer next week.

The Children's Newspaper, December 3, 1949



### The Difference

MOTHER: You must not teach your little sister those slang words, Jack.

Jack: I wasn't, Mother. I was telling her what she mustn't say.

### LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

#### Riddle-My-Name

Sandra (In tatterS AND Rags)

#### Three Elevens Make Twenty-One

Seven of the hockey-players were footballers



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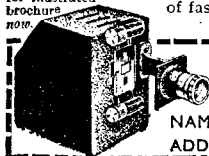
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